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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SONNENFELDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SIMON VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. I HAVE REPEATED TO YOU (BELGRADE 2781) LARRY SILBERMAN'S CABLE TO THE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDING SIMON CANCEL HIS PLANNED VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA DURING HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE. I UNDERSTAND YOU SUGGESTED TO SIMON THAT HE MAKE THE TRIP.

2. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY HIS OWN EFFORTS, TO LET THE YUGOSLAVS KNOW OUR DISPLEASURE WHEN THEY ACT INIMICALLY TO OUR INTERESTS, SILBERMAN HAS A POINT. HE HAS ALSO TAKEN THE BRUNT OF THE NASTY AND CONTRIVED YUGOSLAV REACTION TO THE DISTORTED LEAKS OF MY LONDON COMMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE NOW IS THE IMPENDING BREZHNEV VISIT WHICH THE YUGOSLAVS HAD WANTED TO BALANCE WITH CALLAGHAN'S VISIT AS PRIME MINISTER BUT WHICH THE LATTER HAS JUST CANCELLED. SO THE YUGOSLAVS

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WILL NO DOUBT WELCOME SOME SPECIAL US ATTENTION. ALL TOLD,

THEREFORE, I THINK THE PROPOSED SIMON VISIT SHOULD GO AHEAD IN LATE JUNE. YOU MAY WISH TO PROVIDE YOUR RATIONALE DIRECTLY TO SILBERMAN IN LIGHT OF HIS RECLAMA, MAKING THE POINT ALSO THAT THE VISIT WILL PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR US CABINET OFFICER TO SET FORTH ONCE AGAIN ESSENCE OF OUR POLICY.

3. I WOULD SUGGEST ONE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT. AS YOU KNOW, YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT ACCRA BEGINNING MAY 7. WE MAY WANT TO DELAY INFORMING YUGOSLAVS OF PROPOSED SIMON VISIT UNTIL WE KNOW WHETHER BIJEDIC'S GHANA VISIT TAKES PLACE AND CAN JUDGE HOW HE CONDUCTS HIMSELF THERE IN LIGHT OF CANCELLATION OF YOUR VISIT AND WHAT WE KNOW OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES. SISCO

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